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Dear Sylvia,

I knew how busy you'd be and that you'll be away next month. You told me in March. This requires no answer or, one later, at your convenience if you have any opinion on what I will address.

Enclosed is the latest exchange with Aaron Asher.

There has been no further response from the Times.

I think, when you have time, because of the obvious misuse of your name by Epstein, it would be a good idea if you let others know the fact. He has libelled you!

You refer to him as a "eunuch". This interests me because I have long wondered whether he is homosexual. Those who have "defended" Shaw, like Lockwood, all seem to be. I know of no writer who has done any work in that area who is not.

What interests me more is any indication you may have that he has official or unofficial government connections. Over the years I have accumulated a number. Do not misunderstand, I am not saying it is proved, merely that there are a number of indications I believe substantial. There are abundant indications of this in "Counterplot". Combined, they still do not prove it, but they do make a lusty suspicion.

After all, once Vince and I took care of Jake the Fake Cohen, there was an open slot in the table of organization.

The quotation of my memo to Newcomb is inaccurate. Some of it was omitted without dots to indicate it. Also omitted is a subsequent letter I wrote myself, after I was home. There never was any doubt about the purpose of this, and it served to do the opposite of what is alleged, for it tended to make less credible the repeated inferences that Thornley was a "False Oswald". You may recall the pictures were in attached pairs, printed on a single piece of paper, precisely to preclude any possibility of misuse, and Fred was instructed to keept them in pairs, one with makeup, one without. The Epsteins and Thornleys cannot understand or even believe our willingness to go to trouble and expense to check both sides. It is beyond them, particularly the eunuch.

The reference to Thornley's affidavit in my first letter to Asher, if it escapes you, is because he and Lifton combined to do precisely that with which they charged Garrison. They, in effect, framed Heindell, Thornley under oath. Here I hope you will understand that Garrison did not abuse Heindell and did not make any charge against either Lifton or KT. Gary has just learned that about when Oswald "debated" Butler, Thornley applied for a job with Butler, which would seem to bear on the accuracy of his comment that he did not know Oswald was in N.O. KT had then just returned. We both have copies of some of KT's writings, particularly a series on LHO. He can copy them more readily and less expensively than I. Lifton, meanwhile, appears to be running quite a campaign against me in Calif. Glimmers of it reach me. His mailings on me were slander, were inaccurate, as I proved to him and as he had to know before he sent them. If you ever get sufficiently detached and want to know my interest in KT, the original offer stands. It is and was unrelated to Garrison's charge.

Best regards,